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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Municipal Officers
OF THE
TOWN of PERU
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 8th
1927



PRESS OF MERRILL & WEBBER COMPANY
AUBURN, MAINE

MAR 7 9 1927

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

ELBRIDGE G. CHILD

Town Clerk

HOWARD TURNER

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

E. G. CHILD E. B. KNOX S. A. HAZELTON

Treasurer

H. R. ROBINSON

Collector of Taxes

WILLARD S. ARNOLD

Constables

W. S. ARNOLD

CHAS. N. CHILD

Superintending School Committee

MABELLE ROBINSON FLORENCE H. PACKARD

LENA M. BURGESS

Superintendent of Schools

FRANK McGOULDRICK

Attendance Officers

HELEN CHILD

JOSIE ROBERTS

HERBERT KNOX

Road Commissioners

THOS. CUNNINGHAM

WILLIS S. HAINES

Sealer of Weights and Measures

LESLIE H. IRISH

Fire Warden and Inspector

S. A. HAZELTON

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

W. J. BRYANT

C. H. ROBINSON

ISAAC SEARLES

Sextons

A. W. KNIGHT

O. O. TRACY

Board of Health

A. W. KNIGHT

ALVA M. CURTIS

O. T. WOODBURY

Health Officer

ALVA M. CURTIS

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

The Selectmen of the Town of Peru submit the following report for the year ending February 7, 1927.

VALUATION

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Real estate, resident, | \$225,180 00 |
| Real estate, non-resident, | 91,630 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total real estate, | \$316,810 00 |
| Personal estate, resident, | \$ 82,769 00 |
| Personal estate, non-resident, | 21,030 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total amt. personal estate, | \$103,799 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total valuation, | \$420,609 00 |
| Total value of land, | \$168,979 00 |
| Total value of buildings, | 147,831 00 |

TAXABLE LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

| | No. | Av. Val. | Total Val. |
|------------------------------|-----|----------|--------------|
| Horses, | 150 | \$88 47 | \$13,270 00 |
| Colts, under 2 years, | 1 | 20 00 | 20 00 |
| Cows, | 371 | 31 12 | 11,567 00 |
| Three years old, | 62 | 27 00 | 1,676 00 |
| Two years old, | 85 | 22 75 | 1,934 00 |
| Swine (over 10 in number), | 4 | 10 00 | 40 00 |
| Poultry (over 50 in number), | 944 | 74 | 702 00 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| Total value, | | | \$ 29,209 00 |

EXEMPT LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

| | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|---------|---------------|
| One year old, | 107 | \$12 38 | \$ 1,325 00 |
| Sheep (to 35 in number), | 187 | 5 95 | 1,113 00 |
| Swine (to 10 in number), | 96 | 12 95 | 1,243 00 |
| Poultry (to 50 in number), | 2,700 | 70 | 1,890 00 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| Total value, | | | \$ 5,571 00 . |

ALL OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Electric Light Co., | \$ 5,600 00 |
| Stock in trade, | 16,100 00 |
| Logs, | 10,990 00 |
| Lumber, | 5,715 00 |
| Wood and bark, | 370 00 |
| Automobiles, 168, | 27,915 00 |
| Musical instruments, 53, | 4,215 00 |
| Furniture, | 1,270 00 |
| Materials in stock, | 100 00 |
| Radios, 6, | 225 00 |
| Other property, | 2,090 00 |
| Amount livestock and poultry brought forward, | 29,209 00 |
| <hr/> | |
| Total amt. personal property, | \$103,799 00 |

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| State tax, | \$ 2,973 73 |
| County tax, | 891 41 |
| For Support of common schools, | \$ 3,600 00 |
| High school tuition, | 2,100 00 |
| Text books and supplies, | 200 00 |
| Repairs on school houses, | 200 00 |
| Interest on school fund, | 34 38 |
| Summer roads and bridges, | 4,000 00 |

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Winter roads, | 1,300 00 |
| Support of poor, | 1,300 00 |
| Town officer's bills, | 1,000 00 |
| Miscellaneous town charges, | 900 00 |
| Construction State aid road, | 533 00 |
| Ferry maintenance, | 200 00 |
| Metal culverts, | 300 00 |
| Int. on Burgess loan, | 77 08 |
| Payment on Burgess loan, | 500 00 |
| Memorial purposes, | 5 00 |
| Care of cemeteries, | 100 00 |
| Salary Supt. of Schools, | 366 00 |
| Incidentals, Supt. of Schools, | 35 00 |
| Grading Town Hall lot, | 100 00 |

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|----------------------------|--------------|
| Appropriated for town use, | \$ 16,850 46 |
| Overlay, | 623 24 |
| Supplementary taxes, | 37 29 |

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Total tax committed to Collector, | \$ 21,376 13 |
| Number of polls taxed, 252. | |
| Number of polls not taxed, 22. | |
| Poll tax, \$3.00. | |
| Rate of taxation, .049. | |
| Rate of collection, .015. | |

SUMMER ROADS AND BRIDGES

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Appropriated, | \$ 4,000 00 |
| Overdrawn, | \$ 292 78 |
| Patrol allowance, | 500 00 |
| | <hr/> 792 78 |
| Available, | <hr/> \$ 3,207 22 |

Thomas Cunningham, Road Commissioner

| | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Paid Thos. Cunningham, | \$ 414 83 |
|------------------------|-----------|

| | |
|-------------------|--------|
| Benj. Lovejoy, | 201 33 |
| Maurice Tracy, | 13 00 |
| Charlie Root, | 16 00 |
| Ray Greenleaf, | 9 75 |
| Frank Greenleaf, | 6 50 |
| Melvin Lovejoy, | 224 25 |
| E. L. Child, | 49 94 |
| F. G. French, | 19 50 |
| Ed. Lufkin, | 481 00 |
| V. W. Farrar, | 342 00 |
| Robt. Gillespie, | 4 88 |
| A. M. Curtis, | 2 80 |
| Burchard Malone, | 13 00 |
| Harry Pinkham, | 76 38 |
| Anthony Mockus, | 57 25 |
| B. C. Putnam, | 9 75 |
| Wm. Gross, | 19 50 |
| H. L. Shaw, | 9 75 |
| Oscar Putnam, | 154 50 |
| F. A. Smith, | 135 17 |
| Millard Dodge, | 11 37 |
| W. W. Tainter, | 50 40 |
| Geo. Easter, | 27 94 |
| N. B. Lufkin, | 84 85 |
| O. L. Knight, | 11 75 |
| C. S. Wells, | 10 00 |
| Tony Norris, | 65 75 |
| Lester Child, | 34 12 |
| E. G. Child, | 5 99 |
| Lane Bros., | 8 75 |
| Wm. Paul, | 53 13 |
| Veian Lord, | 2 00 |
| Jas. Irish, | 21 13 |
| C. A. Lane, | 5 18 |
| I. Dragoon, | 3 75 |
| Alphonse Ferland, | 10 00 |
| Arthur E. Child, | 70 13 |

| | |
|----------------|-------|
| A. W. Knight, | 4 00 |
| C. W. Knox, | 47 58 |
| H. E. Knox, | 32 67 |
| V. A. Eastman, | 8 40 |
| I. C. Kidder, | 6 93 |

Amount expended, \$.2,836 90

Expense of maintenance of third class
included in above account, \$342.00

W. S. Haines, Road Commissioner

| | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Paid W. S. Haines, | \$ 154 52 |
| Harold Packard, | 78 54 |
| Maurice Oldham, | 26 00 |
| J. C. Oldham, | 11 25 |
| E. E. Cox, | 46 58 |
| W. J. Bryant, | 30 97 |
| Emerson Oldham, | 52 00 |
| Carroll Oldham, | 19 51 |
| A. G. Walker, | 31 35 |
| Wm. Johnson, | 9 56 |
| J. E. Irish, | 26 01 |
| E. E. Howard, | 12 25 |
| Cola York, | 35 77 |
| E. G. Bassett, | 4 88 |
| M. H. Oldham, | 8 65 |
| Howard Child, | 16 25 |
| I. C. Kidder, | 10 97 |
| Walter Poland, | 6 50 |
| Fred Luce, | 3 25 |
| Arthur Harlow, | 7 92 |
| E. B. Knox, | 2 50 |

Amount expended, \$ 595 23

Expended on summer roads, \$ 3,432 13

Overdrawn, \$ 224 91

PATROL ROAD

| | | |
|-------------------|----|--------|
| Appropriated, | \$ | 447 00 |
| Paid E. B. Knox, | \$ | 58 50 |
| C. W. Knox, | | 15 75 |
| Earland Gill, | | 10 00 |
| Arland Farrar, | | 6 00 |
| E. L. Knox, | | 40 58 |
| C. E. Hines, | | 4 50 |
| C. L. Robinson, | | 5 75 |
| S. A. Hazelton, | | 10 50 |
| W. S. Haines, | | 82 14 |
| Chas. Clark, | | 3 25 |
| A. G. Howard, | | 3 25 |
| J. E. Irish, | | 3 25 |
| Harold Packard, | | 21 50 |
| Maurice Oldham, | | 16 00 |
| E. E. Cox, | | 16 25 |
| Dana Noyes, | | 6 50 |
| E. E. Oldham, | | 20 00 |
| Thos. Cunningham, | | 40 00 |
| Benj. Lovejoy, | | 31 45 |
| M. H. Oldham, | | 2 20 |
| Melvin Lovejoy, | | 35 75 |
| V. W. Farrar, | | 60 00 |
| W. J. Bryant, | | 7 17 |
| Cola York, | | 8 63 |
| J. C. Oldham, | | 8 00 |
| Carroll Oldham, | | 13 75 |
| Wm. Johnson, | | 6 50 |
| A. G. Walker, | | 13 00 |
| E. E. Howard, | | 5 75 |
| C. E. Hines, | | 8 10 |
| Walter Poland, | | 26 00 |
| Keith Berry, | | 10 50 |
| Roy Oldham, | | 3 50 |
| Kelsey Phinney, | | 7 00 |

| | | |
|------------------|-------|-----------|
| F. A. Smith, | 12 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Amount expended, | | \$ 620 02 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Overdrawn, | | \$ 173 02 |

STATE AID ROAD MAINTENANCE

| | | |
|----------------------|----------|-----------|
| Appropriated, | \$ 53 00 | |
| Received from State, | 53 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Available, | | \$ 106 00 |
| Paid W. S. Haines, | \$ 14 00 | |
| E. E. Cox, | 19 50 | |
| Walter Poland, | 19 50 | |
| Carroll Oldham, | 10 50 | |
| E. G. Bassett, | 1 75 | |
| E. E. Oldham, | 12 00 | |
| J. E. Irish, | 28 75 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Amount expended, | | \$ 106 00 |

STATE AID ROAD CONSTRUCTION

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Received from State, 1926, | \$ 1,066 00 | |
| Due from State, unexpended, | 2 74 | |
| Appropriated by town, maximum, | 533 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Available, | | \$ 1,601 74 |
| Paid W. S. Haines, | \$ 110 13 | |
| J. C. Oldham, | 66 00 | |
| Walter Poland, | 117 00 | |
| Fred Luce, | 239 40 | |
| Howard Child, | 9 75 | |
| A. G. Walker, | 110 50 | |
| Wm. Johnson, | 60 13 | |
| E. E. Howard, | 85 75 | |

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|------------------|--------|
| Harold Packard, | 253 17 |
| Carroll Oldham, | 90 42 |
| Cola York, | 65 67 |
| E. E. Oldham, | 107 33 |
| Roy Oldham, | 35 00 |
| E. E. Cox, | 55 25 |
| Joe Albert, | 28 00 |
| Edmund LaBatt, | 21 00 |
| I. C. Kidder, | 4 85 |
| Berger Mfg. Co., | 39 90 |

| | |
|-----------|-------------|
| Expended, | \$ 1,499 25 |
|-----------|-------------|

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|-------------|-----------|
| Unexpended, | \$ 102 49 |
|-------------|-----------|

Cost of inspection unknown.

THIRD CLASS ROAD CONSTRUCTION

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Received from State, 1926, | \$ 1,509 86 |
|----------------------------|-------------|

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|--|-------|
| Due from State, unexpended from 1925, | 25 78 |
|--|-------|

| | |
|------------|-------------|
| Available, | \$ 1,535 64 |
|------------|-------------|

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|------------------------|-----------|
| Paid Thos. Cunningham, | \$ 152 00 |
| Benj. Lovejoy, | 101 50 |
| V. W. Farrar, | 180 00 |
| Jas. Irish, | 78 00 |
| Melvin Lovejoy, | 133 00 |
| Ed. Lufkin, | 189 00 |
| E. G. Child, | 80 50 |
| N. B. Lufkin, | 69 88 |
| Oscar Putnam, | 144 00 |
| W. B. Gillespie, | 66 50 |
| Charlie Root, | 148 00 |
| Moris Tracy, | 19 50 |
| Berger Mfg. Co., | 31 92 |

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|-----------------------------|-------|-------------|
| F. A. Smith, | 87 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Expended, | | \$ 1,480 80 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Unexpended, | | \$ 54 84 |
| Cost of inspection unknown. | | |

HOLMAN ROAD

| | | |
|----------------------|----------|-----------|
| Received from State, | | \$ 122 95 |
| Paid W. S. Haines, | \$ 36 25 | |
| E. E. Oldham, | 14 00 | |
| A. G. Walker, | 6 50 | |
| Carroll Oldham, | 10 50 | |
| Cola York, | 16 25 | |
| C. H. Robinson, | 3 50 | |
| C. L. Robinson, | 1 75 | |
| Berger Mfg. Co., | 34 20 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 122 95 |

BREAK WATER

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Unexpended from 1925, | \$ 150 00 |
| Unexpended, | 150 00 |

PERU-MEXICO BRIDGE

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Unexpended from 1925, | \$ 507 10 |
| Unexpended, | 507 10 |

PERU-DIXFIELD FERRY

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Appropriated, | \$ 200 00 |
| Unexpended from 1925, | 36 |
| Received from Dixfield, | 176 06 |
| Due from Dixfield, | 1 12 |
| | <hr/> |
| Available, | \$ 377 54 |

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| Expense of ferry, | 354 36 |
| Unexpended, | <u>\$ 23 18</u> |

CULVERTS

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Appropriated, | \$ 300 00 |
| Unexpended, | 35 34 |
| Received from E. E. Demeritt, | 5 70 |
| Available, | <u>\$ 341 04</u> |
| Paid Berger Mfg. Co., | 316 92 |
| Unexpended, | <u>\$ 24 12</u> |

WINTER ROADS

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Appropriated, | \$ 1,300 00 |
| Unexpended, 1925, | 287 83 |
| Available, | <u>\$ 1,587 83</u> |
| Paid D. S. Bryant, | \$ 527 17 |
| Oscar Putnam, | 33 25 |
| Arthur Child, | 43 75 |
| L. H. Irish, | 2 45 |
| C. H. Robinson, | 17 75 |
| Curtis Capen, | 3 15 |
| C. L. Robinson, | 6 48 |
| S. A. Hazelton, | 1 58 |
| D. W. Oldham, | 47 43 |
| Fred Luce, | 5 60 |
| H. L. Shaw, | 6 30 |
| Kelsey Phinney, | 24 85 |
| Dana Noyes, | 3 50 |
| Henry Goldsmith, | 4 46 |
| Alex. McFee, | 56 70 |
| Walter Blake, | 46 20 |
| Ed. Bradford, | 5 60 |

| | |
|----------------------|-------|
| R. V. Robinson, | 19 60 |
| J. R. Morrill & Son, | 30 45 |
| Merlyn Morrill, | 9 98 |
| H. E. Knox, | 70 27 |
| C. L. Knox, | 16 50 |
| Richard Gill, | 23 00 |
| M. C. Kidder, | 2 63 |
| Ralph Kidder, | 70 |
| M. O. Walker, | 1 40 |
| Mellen DeShon, | 1 05 |
| E. E. Cox, | 37 45 |
| E. B. Knox, | 26 30 |
| Henry Hall, | 5 96 |
| C. S. Luce, | 1 75 |
| E. E. Newell, | 1 75 |
| Arland Farrar, | 13 65 |
| Jas. Miller, | 77 35 |
| Wm. Gross, | 15 06 |
| Glenroy Miller, | 12 60 |
| Harold Packard, | 51 80 |
| Arnold Bros., | 3 15 |
| A. W. Knight, | 28 53 |
| W. S. Haines, | 36 05 |
| Wm. Johnson, | 32 20 |
| Dwight Bigelow, | 31 15 |
| Thos. Cunningham, | 72 50 |
| I. C. Kidder, | 59 75 |
| C. E. Hines, | 26 04 |
| C. W. Knox, | 46 45 |
| Frank Greenleaf, | 9 28 |
| Earl Greenleaf, | 2 80 |
| J. M. Luce, | 35 35 |
| O. O. Tracy, | 5 40 |
| W. S. Arnold, | 6 30 |
| Dwight Oldham, | 6 13 |
| U. G. McIntire, | 4 20 |
| John Mason, | 4 10 |

| | |
|-------------------|-------|
| W. B. Gillespie, | 18 37 |
| B. J. Roberts, | 16 60 |
| Oscar Frost, | 7 85 |
| Robt. Blair, | 11 20 |
| Everett Gould, | 3 15 |
| E. E. DeMeritt, | 3 50 |
| Lubert McGuire, | 1 40 |
| Maurice Tracy, | 3 50 |
| Linus Libby, | 3 15 |
| G. B. Gordon, | 6 82 |
| Willis Poland, | 1 75 |
| H. E. Rafuse, | 3 50 |
| Fred Searles, | 2 28 |
| Ernest Andrews, | 5 07 |
| Anthony Norris, | 3 85 |
| John Norris, | 4 55 |
| Jos. Jesselskis, | 4 20 |
| Ralph Farnham, | 3 15 |
| Anthony Mockus, | 34 30 |
| Jas. Irish, | 23 12 |
| J. C. Oldham, | 10 16 |
| W. J. Smith, | 15 05 |
| Keith Berry, | 23 97 |
| A. G. Howard, | 7 70 |
| Lester Knox, | 2 10 |
| Melvin Lovejoy, | 49 00 |
| Benj. Lovejoy, | 11 55 |
| Walter Knox, | 11 55 |
| Wallace Andrews, | 1 05 |
| N. B. Lufkin, | 50 05 |
| B. D. Packard, | 9 80 |
| E. W. Sturtevant, | 11 55 |
| W. W. Tainter, | 11 55 |
| E. L. Child, | 10 50 |
| Sylvester Searls, | 12 95 |
| A. B. McIntire, | 7 45 |
| E. E. Howard, | 15 40 |

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|---|-------|
| Stephen Levi, | 14 18 |
| N. S. Bishop, | 9 63 |
| Ed. Lufkin, | 8 40 |
| Dominic Mazeikis, | 5 60 |
| Walter Poland, | 3 15 |
| Alton Lovejoy, | 28 05 |
| H. S. Gammon, | 14 65 |
| A. S. Holman, | 7 75 |
| Adolph Grudeginsky, snow plow repairs, | 23 00 |
| E. G. Child, | 6 30 |
| Merle B. Knox, | 26 95 |
| Fred Russell, | 1 05 |
| Frank Norris, | 16 89 |
| Alphonse Ferland, | 22 92 |

| | |
|-----------|-------------|
| Expended, | \$ 2,276 06 |
|-----------|-------------|

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|------------|-----------|
| Overdrawn, | \$ 688 23 |
|------------|-----------|

CARE OF CEMETERIES

| | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Appropriated, | \$ 100 00 |
| Unexpended, 1925, | 87 15 |

| | |
|------------|-----------|
| Available, | \$ 187 15 |
|------------|-----------|

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|---------------------------|----------|
| Paid I. C. Kidder, paint, | \$ 22 79 |
| Fred Russell, labor, | 8 00 |
| C. E. Hines, labor, | 10 20 |
| W. J. Bryant, lumber, | 37 70 |
| J. C. Oldham, labor, | 3 00 |
| A. W. Knight, | 28 70 |
| S. A. Hazelton, | 6 70 |
| E. G. Child, | 3 00 |
| C. W. Knox, | 8 00 |
| O. O. Tracy, | 18 00 |

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|-----------|-----------|
| Expended, | \$ 146 09 |
|-----------|-----------|

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|------------|----------|
| Unexpended | \$ 41 06 |
|------------|----------|

FENCING UNPROTECTED CEMETERIES AND REMOVING BODIES

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----|-------|
| Unexpended balance available, | \$ | 85 85 |
|-------------------------------|----|-------|

CUSHMAN CEMETERY LOT

| | | |
|------------|----|------|
| Available, | \$ | 4 26 |
|------------|----|------|

HOLLIS TURNER CEMETERY ACCOUNT

| | | |
|------------|----|-------|
| Available, | \$ | 42 95 |
| Expended, | | 14 05 |

| | | |
|--|----|-------|
| | \$ | 28 90 |
|--|----|-------|

MEMORIAL PURPOSES

| | | |
|---------------|----|------|
| Appropriated, | \$ | 5 00 |
| Unexpended, | | 8 56 |

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----|-------|
| | \$ | 13 56 |
| Paid I. C. Kidder, for flags, | | 6 30 |

| | | |
|--|----|------|
| | \$ | 7 26 |
|--|----|------|

JOHN BURGESS LOAN

| | | |
|------------------------------------|----|--------|
| Appropriated for int. and payment, | \$ | 577 08 |
| Paid John Burgess, | | 578 12 |

| | | |
|--|----|------|
| | \$ | 1 04 |
|--|----|------|

SUPPORT OF POOR

| | | |
|---------------|----|----------|
| Appropriated, | \$ | 1,300 00 |
| Overdrawn, | | 183 40 |

| | | |
|--|----|----------|
| | \$ | 1,116 60 |
|--|----|----------|

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|----|-----|----|
| Paid State, care of Veria Wing, | \$ | 106 | 37 |
| Selma Farrar, board, | | | |
| care, Simmeon | | | |
| Morrill, | \$ | 124 | 90 |
| H. B. Marsh, burial | | | |
| expense, | | 91 | 00 |
| D. C. Chenery, sexton, | | 6 | 00 |

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|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Expended for Sim- | |
| meon Morrill, | \$ 221 90 |
| Bertha Searles, board and care | |
| of H. A. Clark, | 265 00 |
| Bertha Searles, board and care | |
| of Etta Bowker, | 60 00 |
| Town of Leeds, supplies fur- | |
| nished F. G. Wing, | 7 74 |

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|------------------------|-----------|
| Total expense of poor, | \$ 661 01 |
| | <hr/> |
| Unexpended, | \$ 455 59 |

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN CHARGES

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Appropriated, | \$ | 900 00 |
| From State, damage to domestic | | |
| animals, | | 180 00 |
| | <u>—————</u> | \$ 1,080 00 |
| Overdrawn, | | 63 39 |

| | | | |
|--|----|-------|----|
| Available, | \$ | 1,016 | 61 |
| Paid G. O. Gardiner, supplies, board of health, | \$ | 18 | 20 |
| Merrill & Webber Co., town report, | | 57 | 75 |
| Loring, Short & Harmon, offi- cers books, | | 18 | 65 |
| W. S. Arnold, advertising, | | 2 | 80 |

| | |
|---|--------|
| V. A. Eastman, labor and material, | 4 40 |
| Howard Turner, express and record book, | 2 60 |
| Howard Turner, incidentals and check lists, | 17 54 |
| Howard Turner, typing warrant and report, | 5 00 |
| Rockemeka Grange, housing road machine, | 6 00 |
| N. E. Metal Culvert Co., repairs, road machine, | 17 44 |
| Thos. Cunningham, express, | 1 30 |
| J. A. Arnold, housing road machine, | 3 00 |
| B. D. Packard, damage to sheep, | 111 00 |
| L. K. Lovejoy, damage to sheep, | 69 00 |
| C. A. Lane, supplies, | 30 04 |
| Jennie Child, booking inventory, | 15 00 |
| Richard Gill, right of way, | 85 00 |
| C. S. Luce, supplies, | 3 38 |
| Town of Sumner, board of health, | 13 00 |
| H. R. Robinson, watering tub, | 5 00 |
| B. D. Packard, watering tub, | 2 00 |
| J. E. Irish, watering tub, | 3 00 |
| Manley Farrar, watering tub, | 5 00 |
| S. A. Hazelton, repairs on adding machine, | 2 50 |
| H. R. Robinson, treasurer's incidentals, | 4 20 |
| H. R. Robinson, expense to Augusta, | 8 78 |
| E. B. Knox, expense to Augusta, | 8 93 |
| E. G. Child, selectmen's incidentals, | 3 50 |

Rumford Falls Trust Co., int.
on loan,

144 84

Expended,

\$ 668 85

Unexpended,

\$ 347 76

TOWN OFFICER'S BILLS

Appropriated,

\$ 1,000 00

Overdrawn,

233 14

Available,

\$ 766 86

Paid A. M. Curtis, board of health, \$ 11 70

E. G. Child, moderator, 4 00

E. W. Sturtevant, ballot clerk, 8 00

C. L. Knox, ballot clerk, 8 00

Linus Libby, ballot clerk, 8 00

L. E. Irish, ballot clerk, 8 00

E. G. Child, selectman, 175 76

E. B. Knox, selectman, 160 00

S. A. Hazelton, selectman, 154 00

Howard Turner, clerk, 65 00

H. R. Robinson, treasurer, 100 00

Mabelle Robinson, school board, 9 00

Lena Burgess, school board, 8 50

Florence Packard, school board, 6 00

W. S. Arnold, tax collector, 317 15

Expended,

\$ 1,043 11

Overdrawn,

\$ 276 25

DELINQUENTS

Stillman Bishop, poll,

\$ 3 00

Jas. Dermody, personal,

36 75

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| F. G. French, poll and personal, | 42 94 |
| Inas Zelensky, poll, | 3 00 |
| W. J. Bryant, personal, | 146 85 |

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| Amount, | \$ 232 54 |
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FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN

February 8, 1927

Resources

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Cash in hands of Treasurer, | \$ 2,592 36 |
| Land in Thompson's Grant, Lot 9, | |
| Range 10, | 300 00 |
| Due on tax bills of 1922, | 57 62 |
| Due on tax bills of 1923, | 70 00 |
| Due on tax bills of 1926, | 232 54 |
| Tax deeds on hand, | 302 06 |
| Due from Dixfield, ferry acct., | 1 12 |

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|------------------|-------------|
| Total resources, | \$ 3,555 70 |
|------------------|-------------|

Liabilities

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Loan from John Burgess, | \$ 1,000 00 |
| Etimated cost of bridges on State | |
| Road O., | 4,680 00 |
| | <hr/> \$ 5,680 00 |

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|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Liabilities over resources, | \$ 2,124 30 |
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Respectfully submitted,

E. G. CHILD,

E. B. KNOX,

S. A. HAZELTON,

Selectmen of Peru.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr.

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| To Cash from last year, | \$ 2,288 13 |
| Due on tax bills of 1922, | 57 62 |
| Due on tax bills of 1923, | 70 00 |
| Tax deeds on hand, | 270 50 |
| Tax bills of 1926, | 21,338 84 |
| Town Clerk, dog licenses, | 184 00 |
| W. S. Arnold, tax bills of 1924, | 3 00 |
| W. S. Arnold, tax bills of 1925, | 6 64 |
| J. L. Hammett, error book acct., | 93 |
| R. F. Trust Co., temporary loans, | 7,450 00 |
| State Highway Dept., Holman Road, | 122 95 |
| Damage to domestic animals, | 180 00 |
| Improvement State Road, | 961 74 |
| State Highway Dept., | 1,480 80 |
| Dog licenses refund, | 77 41 |
| State School Fund, | 2,024 95 |
| R. R. and Tel. tax, | 03 |
| Int. on Arsenault tax deeds, | 1 50 |
| State Highway Dept., | 50 00 |
| Equalization Fund, | 156 00 |
| Town of Dixfield, half expense of ferry, | 176 06 |
| E. E. Demeritt, on culvert, | 5 70 |
| Supplementary tax, 1926, | 37 29 |
| Int. Turner Cemetery Fund, | 29 58 |
| Int. Cushman Cemetery Fund, | 2 02 |
| | <hr/> \$ 36,975 69 |

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| | | | |
|------------------------------------|----|--------|--------------------|
| Paid State, dog licenses for 1926, | \$ | 184 | 00 |
| County Tax, 1926, | | 891 | 41 |
| State Tax, 1926, | | 2,973 | 73 |
| Temporary loans, | | 7,450 | 00 |
| Due on tax bills of 1922, | | 57 | 62 |
| Due on tax bills of 1923, | | 70 | 00 |
| Due on tax bills of 1926, | | 232 | 54 |
| Tax deeds on hand, | | 302 | 06 |
| Town orders, | | 22,221 | 97 |
| Cash on hand, | | 2,592 | 36 |
| | | | |
| | | | <hr/> \$ 36,975 69 |

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY R. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of
the Town of Peru:

I hereby submit my second report of your schools.

TEACHERS

The following teachers are employed the present school year: Ariel DeMeritt, West Peru Primary; Margaret McIntyre, West Peru Grammar; Ruth Merrill, Dickvale; Marjorie Oldham, Union; Galla Whorff, Centre; Florence Packard, Worthley Pond.

There has been one resignation since the opening of the schools last September. Miss Wilma Walker resigned her position at Worthley Pond. Mrs. Florence Packard was elected to fill the vacancy.

BUILDINGS

A large part of the repair money the past year was used to do some very necessary work in the Union District. The roof on the southern side of the school building was re-shingled. The walls and ceilings of the school room and entries were painted. Only minor repairs were made on the other schoolhouses.

Because of an act for the improvement of sanitary conditions in school building toilets which states that on and after the first day of September, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, all school buildings or buildings used for school purposes shall be provided with toilet facilities that shall be installed in such manner and location as to meet State requirements, it will be necessary to raise more money than last year for repairs. The toilet accommodations at West Peru and

Worthley Pond do not meet State requirements. An appropriation of \$300 should be made for West Peru and one for \$200 for Worthley Pond.

ENROLLMENT

The enrollment by grades and schools the present school year is as follows:

| School | S | I | II | III | IV | V | VI | VII | VIII | Total |
|---------------|----|---|----|-----|----|----|----|-----|------|-------|
| W.Peru Prim. | 12 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 5 | | | | | 33 |
| W. Peru Gram. | | | | | | 7 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 20 |
| Dickvale | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 24 |
| Union | | 1 | 2 | 5 | | 2 | 4 | 4 | | 18 |
| Centre | 1 | 2 | 1 | | 2 | 3 | 4 | | 1 | 14 |
| Worthley Pond | | | 2 | | 3 | | 1 | | | 6 |
| | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Totals | 15 | 9 | 18 | 11 | 13 | 14 | 16 | 12 | 7 | 115 |

S means Sub-Primary.

ATTENDANCE

Following is the percentage attendance for the last school year:

Worthley Pond, 93.29; Centre, 86.98; Dickvale, 86.69; West Peru Grammar, 83.03; Union, 81.12; West Peru Primary, 79.72.

Five pupils were not absent for the school year ending June 11, 1926. They are Ruby Kidder, Rollins Kidder and Ervin Gill of the Centre School; Ralph Atkins of West Peru Primary; and Verna Arnold of West Peru Grammar.

For the fall term of fifteen weeks ending December 17, 1926, the following pupils were not absent: Harriett Noyes and Elwin Child of the West Peru Primary; Dorothy French, Verna Wiken, Joseph Arnold and Verna Arnold of the West Peru Grammar; Vega Rutkanckas and George Downes of Dickvale; Ervin Gill, Alvin Vaughn, Ilda Kidder, Rollins Kidder, Wilmer Vaughn and Rubina Vaughn of the

Centre School; and Dorothy Packard of the Worthley Pond School.

Rollins Kidder, Ervin Gill and Verna Arnold were not absent or tardy for the last school year and the first term of the present school year. They have a perfect attendance record of 51 weeks. If all the pupils could do as well there would be a big increase in the amount of money we receive from the State because a part of the State money is apportioned on the basis of aggregate attendance.

The number of pupils in the Worthley Pond School is 6. It is impossible with this small enrollment to maintain the average attendance required by law. Consequently the school officials cannot continue this school next year unless authorized to do so by a vote of the town.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

It will be necessary to elect two school board members at the annual town meeting. Mrs. Mabelle Robinson's term of three years expires. Mrs. Florence Packard who was serving her second year resigned to accept the position as teacher of the Worthley Pond School. Her resignation was necessary because it is not legal for a person to teach in a public school of a town and be a member of the school committee of that town at the same time. One school board member should be elected to serve for three years and the other for one year.

FINANCES

The balance sheet shows one overdraft. This is a small one of eighty-five cents in the flag account. The amount of money unexpended in the school department is \$231.18.

Your Committee and Superintendent have considered carefully the needs of the schools for next year and submit the following budget for the annual town meeting:

| | |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Common Schools, | \$ 3,600 00 |
| High School Tuition, | 2,100 00 |

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|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Books and Supplies, | 200 00 |
| General Repairs, | 200 00 |
| Special Repairs at West Peru, | 300 00 |
| Special Repairs at Worthley Pond, | 200 00 |
| Superintendence, | 360 00 |
| Interest on School Fund, | 34 38 |
| Office Expense, | 35 00 |
| Flags, | 20 00 |
| | —————\$ 7,049 38 |

There are three more items in the budget than appeared last year. Two of these ask for special amounts for West Peru and Worthley Pond. The other recommendation is for flags. The sum named for superintendence is \$6.00 less than the amount raised last year as there is no overdraft. All other accounts call for the same appropriations made a year ago.

In closing I wish to thank the School Committee for valuable assistance and to thank all the citizens of Peru who have aided me in my work with favors and courteous treatment.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK McGOULDRICK,
Supt. of Schools.

COMMON SCHOOLS

| | | |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Balance, 1925-26, | \$ 46 39 | |
| Appropriation, | 3,600 00 | |
| Interest on School Fund, | 34 38 | |
| Equalization Fund, | 156 00 | |
| State School Fund, | 1,924 95 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 5,761 72 |

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|---------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Teachers' Salaries, | \$ 4,375 00 | |
| Transportation, | 723 00 | |
| Fuel, | 379 10 | |
| Janitors, | 245 95 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 5,723 05 |
| Unexpended, | | <hr/> \$ 38 67 |

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Balance, 1925-26, | \$ 130 00 | |
| Appropriation, | 2,100 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 2,230 00 |
| Paid Town of Dixfield, | \$ 985 00 | |
| Town of Canton, | 660 00 | |
| Town of Rumford, | 420 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 2,065 00 |
| Unexpended, | | <hr/> \$ 165 00 |

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Appropriation, | \$ 200 00 | |
| Re-imbursement from School Supply | | |
| Co., | 93 | |
| State School Fund, | 100 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 300 93 |

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|---------------------|----|--------|----------------|
| Overdraft, 1925-26, | \$ | 80 01 | |
| Expended, | | 195 48 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$ 275 49 |
| Unexpended, | | | <hr/> \$ 25 44 |

REPAIRS

| | | | |
|---------------------|----|--------|---------------|
| Appropriation, | | | \$ 200 00 |
| Overdraft, 1925-26, | \$ | 6 97 | |
| Expended, | | 190 76 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$ 197 73 |
| Unexpended, | | | <hr/> \$ 2 27 |

SUPERINTENDENCE

| | | | |
|---------------------|----|--------|-----------|
| Appropriation, | | | \$ 366 00 |
| Overdraft, 1925-26, | \$ | 6 00 | |
| Expended, | | 360 00 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$ 366 00 |

OFFICE EXPENSE

| | | | |
|----------------|--|-------|----------|
| Appropriation, | | | \$ 35 00 |
| Expended, | | | 34 35 |
| | | <hr/> | |
| Unexpended, | | | \$ 65 |

FLAGS

| | | | |
|-------------------|--|-------|----------|
| Balance, 1925-26, | | | \$ 13 12 |
| Expended, | | | 13 97 |
| | | <hr/> | |
| Overdrawn, | | | \$ 85 |

STATE OF MAINE

| | |
|--------------------|-------------|
| State School Fund, | \$ 2,024 95 |
|--------------------|-------------|

Equalization Fund, 156 00

Total amount received from State, \$ 2,180 95

Transferred to Common School ac-

count, \$ 2,080 95

Transferred to Books and Supplies, 100 00

 \$ 2,180 95

RECAPITULATION

| Accounts | Receipts | Expenditures | Unexpended | Overdrawn |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Common Schools, | \$5,761.72 | \$5,723.05 | \$ 38.67 | |
| High School Tuition, | 2,230.00 | 2,065.00 | 165.00 | |
| Books and Supplies, | 300.93 | 275.49 | 25.44 | |
| Repairs, | 200.00 | 197.73 | 2.27 | |
| Superintendence, | 366.00 | 366.00 | | |
| Office Expense, | 35.00 | 34.35 | .65 | |
| Flags | 13.12 | 13.97 | | \$.85 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| | \$8,906.77 | \$8,675.59 | \$ 232.03 | \$.85 |
| Unexpended, | | 231.18 | | 231.18 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| | \$8,906.77 | \$8,906.77 | \$ 232.03 | \$ 232.03 |

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Record of Marriages, Births and Deaths returned to this office for the year ending February 1, 1927.

MARRIAGES

1926

March 31, at Dixfield, Gerald A. Knox and Gladys M. Chenery, both of Peru.

July 3, at Peru, Walter F. Hodge and Gladys M. Pingree, both of Peru.

July 22, at Buckfield, Orman F. Dunham of Peru and Wilma S. Bryant of Buckfield.

August 14, at Dixfield, Raymond Greenleaf and Marie Putnam, both of Peru.

August 21, at Wilton, Walter L. Floyd of Peru and Hellen F. Fassett of Wilton.

September 4, at Peru, Ransom D. Wyman of Rumford and Ethel M. Greenleaf of Peru.

November 29, at Peru, Ellsworth Pingree and Irene S. Cole, both of Peru.

December 15, at Bethel, Curtis I. Winslow of Bethel and Margaret E. Elliott of Peru.

December 24, at Dixfield, Chas. M. Lane Jr. and Sarah A. Benson, both of Peru.

December 25, at East Sumner, Eldon G. Dolloff of Peru and Ada M. Gammon of Hartford.

BIRTHS

1926

February 8, to Grace A. and Henry G. Hall, a daughter, Marilyn Evon.

February 16, to Leona and Elwin C. Child, a daughter, Patricia Mae.

March 13, to Delia L. and Percy H. Raymond, a son, Winston Herbert.

April 4, to Lucill B. and Duncan A. Gill, a son, Harold Milton.

April 12, to Esther and Leonard B. Hall, a son Llewellyn Conrad.

April 18, to Gertrude H. and Claude L. Merrill, a son, Melvin Lester.

June 11, to Anne and Alphonse Ferland, a son, Joseph Nelson.

July 3, to Ella S. and Fred Luce, a daughter, Irene June.

July 12, to Madeline G. and Herbert E. Knox, a son, Herbert Elmer, Jr.

August 30, to Jennie H. and Hollis S. Gammon, a son, Glendon Elmer.

October 17, to Iva M. and Elmer L. Child, a son, Ernest Elbridge.

November 21, to Delia M. and George A. Donahue, a son, William Herbert.

December 16, to Effie J. and Dwight L. Bigelow, a daughter, Majorie Delma.

1927

January 1, to Gladys M. and Merle B. Knox, a son, Elwin Leroy.

January 6, to Agnes M. and Archie N. Norton, a daughter, Violet Mary.

DEATHS

1926

February 28, Frank L. Packard, aged 59 years, 5 months, 13 days.

April 28, Mary G. Knight, aged 90 years, 11 months, 9 days.

May 8, Simeon Morrill, aged 84 years, 3 months, 22 days.

June 28, Delia Poland, aged 72 years, 5 months, 18 days.

July 4, at Poland, Emely F. Burgess, aged 69 years, 27 days.

August 10, Abbie E. Cobb, aged 68 years, 1 month, 29 days.

September 12, Perley K. Child, aged 60 years, 2 months, 9 days.

November 23, at Dixfield, Dora M. Porter, aged 57 years, 8 days.

November 25, at Turner, Manderville Hall, aged 73 years, 1 month, 23 days.

1927

January 30, at Sagamore, Mass., Bertha L. Goggin, aged 49 years.

HOWARD TURNER,
Town Clerk.